POST 149 MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 11, 2025

Called to Order: Vice Commander Kevin Regan called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 26

<u>Minutes</u>: Meeting minutes for February were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Jim Sabel seconded by Larry Ter Maat and approved by all.

Financials: Spreadsheet for February financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Frank Sterzen and seconded by Jim Willfahrt, approved by all. **Note:** Cub scouts lost check and it was cancelled. Not sure we should donate to them in the future as this has been a problem in the past.

<u>New Members or Guests:</u> Paul Theilmen (Army), transferred in to post; Shawna Firmiss (Marine Corps), visiting might join, post will pay 1st year dues.

<u>Membership</u>: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 79 active members of which 6 are paid up for life. Members can renew on-line at the cost of \$40. 6 Members have not paid their 2024-25 dues. (<u>Renew your membership online | The American Legion</u>). If anyone has any questions or issues they can text or call Dan Riviers (920-912-2000).

Home Bound: The following members would appreciate buddy check phone calls keeping them up to date on what is happening with the post. Dick Wachter (920-449-1975); Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856): Carl Zettel (920-627-5475) home; Cliff Otte (920-226-2860) in assisted living and would like visitors(Lakehouse on Eisner Ave); William Krauter (920-243-8160) in assisted living. Ken Mauer recently passed away.

<u>Scholarship:</u> Team to review: Jim Sabel, Ron Goelz, Charlie Dunn, Ray Schmitt. Ray has received 28 applications and team will decide recipients for April meeting.

House/Apartment: Frank will got estimate on buffing/sealing hall floor \$7,000), or replacing floor \$11,900. Frank has installed covers on some chairs to determine whether that will help. Post voted to wait on floor as too expensive at this time. Frank found out Kidde smoke detectors will drop warrantee and go to full replacement. Web site has up-to-date files and calendar (for events and hall rental). Check the on-line calendar prior to attempting to schedule. Franks said he has 8 reservations for the track chair coming up.

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<u>**Camp American Legion</u>**: Ken Wilhite and Kevin Regan will attend 100-year anniversary June 9-14, 2025 (can accommodate 2 more).</u>

Honor Guard: Have had 15 funerals so far in fiscal 2024-2025. Melvin Cardarelle (March 15th Graveside Funeral) passed away. Ken Mauer passed away Memorial Mass March 13th.

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<u>Service Officer: (Ken Wilhite)</u> If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email (<u>sellorojo@wi.rr.com</u>). Retired military veterans need new ID card by the end of 2025. Ken discussed new VA TBI process and received 1 call after meeting to meet with a veteran.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Brat Fry (April 27th): Tickets, assignments and quarterly to be mailed shortly
- 2. <u>Uniforms/Coats:</u> Coats/patches have arrived and will be sent out for sewing this week without liners. Thise in attendance tried larger coats to make sure they fit. Larry also ordered/received new flags, flag covers, other patches and Denice's uniform/hat.

<u>Consolidated Post Report (Jim Sabel):</u> Jim Wilfahrt is tracking all funerals. Continue to track: Buddy checks, special ceremonies (e.g. silent march at fair, Veterans Day, etc.), visiting/driving veterans; Camp American Legion; Donations to veteran programs (e.g. post, county, state, memorials, etc.) and anything else for the good of the Legion. National is also asking that we track all community volunteer hours such as: church, charities you support, other veteran organizations, etc. <u>Turn in logs to Jim Sabel by April 30th</u>.

New Business:

- 1. District Meeting at Post: Tomorrow night (12th of March) our post will host the 2nd district legion meeting, starting at 1830 with Kevin Regan and Jim Willfahrt representing our post.
- 2. Carl Zettel: Birthday party at post on Saturday May 3rd, all members invited.

Correspondence/Communication:

Received \$50 memorial check in the name of Frank Lohr. Chamber main street annual banquet April 10th (6-9 PM), no interest expressed.

Anything Else for the Good of the American Legion:

<u>Adjourned:</u> Motion by Ray Schmitt second by Karl Zore to close meeting at 1945 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: APRIL 8TH, APRIL 27TH (BRAT FRY), MAY 13TH, JUNE 10TH, 2025